

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. NO. 4368 - Authorize an amendment to Chapter 10.08.010 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Stop Intersections Designated," specifically to add a multi-way stop at the intersection of Magie Avenue and Springfield Road with advanced warning signals in each direction.

ORD. NO. 4369 - Amend Chapter 10.36.020 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Designation of Meter Zones and Hours of Parking", specifically to amend locations and hours.

PEITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 9, 2013, from His Honor the Mayor, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Body, I herewith appoint Ms. Denise George-Carroll, 18 Barnard Place, Elizabeth, NJ, to serve as a Member of the Elizabeth Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term (5/1/2015) of Commissioner Barbara Shannon, who has recently resigned.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 11, 2013, from the Business Administrator requesting that your Honorable Body consider calling on State Legislature and the Governor to require school districts, county governments and fire districts to share in the burden of property assessment appeal refunds.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 11, 2013, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to initiate a sealed bid process to purchase 30 LWRCL .556 Model M6SLG Rifles and 3 Model M6G Rifles through the proprietary goods and services provision for the Elizabeth Police Department.

Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Ditschman Flemington Ford, 215 Route 22, P.O. Box 1007, Flemington, NJ, for the purchase of vehicle parts and repairs for various departments, under the Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Contract, for the period of April 9, 2013 through April 9, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent and/or other proper City officials to commence with the competitive contracting process in order to draft an RFP for the purpose of selecting an Energy Services Company to initiate an Energy Savings Improvement Plan.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 1740 East Oak Road, Vineland, NJ, for the purchase of Aluminum Sign Blanks for the Public Works Department for the period of April 11, 2013 through April 30, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to W.B. Mason Company, 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ, for the purchase of office supplies, including toner and cartridges for printers and fax machines, for all departments and divisions for the period of April 12, 2013 through January 24, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Business Administrator, advising that being satisfied that an emergency did exist, recommends the award of a contract to Rana Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 2700, Newark, NJ, for the demolition of 256 Second Street in the amount of \$23,800.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Business Administrator requesting permission for the Purchasing Agent to make the necessary arrangements to auction impounded property in the possession of the Elizabeth Police Department with Propertyroom.Com, State pre-approved on-line auction site; date of the sale will be set by the auction company and published in the Star Ledger contingent upon City Council's approval.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2013, from the Business Administrator requesting an amendment to a resolution adopted March 26, 2013, awarding a contract to East Coast Emergency Lighting, for Emergency Lighting and Installation for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, under State Contract #81338, specifically to include the State Contract #81336.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2013, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the City of Elizabeth Planning Board to review the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's model Flood Damage Prevention ordinance and make recommendations to your Honorable Body for adoption. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending that an ordinance be adopted amending the City's Table of Organization of Classified and Unclassified titles, specifically Ordinance No. 1747. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending that an ordinance be adopted amending Chapter 2.60.090 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Elizabeth Fire Department. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending amending Chapter 2.56.110 (B) of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Elizabeth Police Department. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2013, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2013 SFY Budget by budget amendments Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 10, 2013, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting to amend the Cash Management Plan of the City of Elizabeth effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, specifically to include Section V: Designation of Officials Authorized to sign checks. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 3, 2013, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting to rescind the resolution adopted March 12, 2013, authorizing an Owner Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan on the property located at 763 Thomas Street in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 10, 2013, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to extend the term of the contract between the City and Rutgers Cooperative Extension-4H Program to August 31, 2013, due to the delay of hiring suitable staff. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting an amendment to the resolution adopted November 28, 2012, authorizing an Owner Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan on the property located at 461-475 Catherine Street, Unit 106 B, specifically to adjust the affordability period to ten (10) years.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting an ordinance creating The Greater Elizabeth Tourism Improvement District and designating the Greater Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization as the District Management Corporation.
Which was referred to Council As A Whole.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2013, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization to extend the contract with Groundwork Elizabeth, Inc., for its Spring Planter Program to December 31, 2013.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Director of Public Works requesting authorization to have liens placed against the properties listed on Schedule A for the boarding up of said properties in the amount of \$2,464.92.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Director of Public Works requesting authorization to have liens placed against the properties listed on Schedule A for the removal and disposal of debris from said properties in the amount of \$2,111.98.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2013, from the Director of Public Works requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with URS Group Inc/Sanchez Industrial Design Inc., for the installation of a noise monitor at the Elizabeth Marina, located at 71 Front Street, to measure sound levels generated by the dredging activities in the Arthur Kill that will be taking place over the next two (2) years; URS Group Inc/Sanchez Industrial Design, Inc., offering a payment to the City of Elizabeth in the amount of \$25.00 per month to cover the cost of electricity.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from the Elizabeth Planning Board recommending that your Honorable Body adopt an ordinance amending and superseding City of Elizabeth Land Development Code, Chapter 17, Sections 17.36.020, Prevailing Conditions; 17.36.030, Temporary Tract Office; 17.36.080, 17.36.090, Non-Conformance; 17.36.100, Lot Dimensions; 17.36.110, Yard Dimensions; 17.36.125, Minimum Square Footage for Commercial Space; 17.36.160, Schedule II, Conditional Uses, and 17.48.080, Signs.
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 23, 2013, from the Finance Department submitting a list of all bills, claims and vouchers which have been paid as of the close of business on Friday, April 19, 2013.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 4, 2013, from the Chief Financial Officer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and disbursements for the month of January, 2013, and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of January 31, 2013.
Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 4370 - Amend Ord. No. 1747 entitled "An ordinance to establish certain Classified and Unclassified Positions in the City's Table of Organization and To Set The Annual Compensation For Said Positions To Be Paid From April 1, 1984, Except As Otherwise Provided, As Provided By The Municipal Budget To Be Paid As Other Employees Are Paid and As Provided On Attached Schedules."

ORD. NO. 4371 - Amend Chapter 2.60, Article 2, Section 090 (B), of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Fire Department; Fire Personnel, as provided on attached schedules.

ORD. NO. 4372 - Amend Chapter 2.56, Section 110 (B), of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Police Department; Police Personnel, as provided on attached schedules.

ORD. NO. 4373 - Amend Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Land Development," specifically Sections 17.36.020.C (Prevailing Conditions); 17.36.030.B (Temporary Tract Office); 17.36.090 (Nonconformance); 17.36.100 (Lot Dimensions); 17.36.110 (Yard Dimensions); 17.36.160.C (Minimum Square Footage for Commercial Space); 17.36.160C and 17.48.080.D (Signs).

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING
ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013, AT 7:30 P.M.**

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

ORD. NO. 4368 - Authorize an amendment to Chapter 10.08.010 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Stop Intersections Designated," specifically to add a multi-way stop at the intersection of Magie Avenue and Springfield Road with advanced warning signals in each direction.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL (Cont'd)

ORD. NO. 4369 - Amend Chapter 10.36.020 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Designation of Meter Zones and Hours of Parking", specifically to amend locations and hours.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the Cash Management Plan of the City of Elizabeth for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, adopted January 22, 2013, specifically to include Section V, Designation of Officials Authorized To Sign Checks.

Confirm the appointment of Ms. Denise George-Carroll, 18 Barnard Place, Elizabeth, to serve as a member of the Elizabeth Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Barbara Shannon (5/1/15).

Adopt a resolution in support of Senate Bill S-1896/Assembly Bill A-1503, sharing the burden of property assessment appeal refunds.

Permit the Purchasing Agent to advertise for Proprietary Sealed Bids with Elizabeth Police Department specifications to purchase LWRC rifles.

Authorize the award of a contract to Ditschman Flemington Ford, 215 Route 22, Flemington, N.J., for the purchase of vehicle parts and repairs for various departments, under the Somerset County Co-Op, for the period April 9, 2013 through April 9, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials/Purchasing Agent to commence with the competitive contracting process to draft an RFP for selecting an energy services company to initiate an Energy Savings Improvement Plan.

Authorize the award of a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 1740 East Oak Road, Vineland, N.J., for the purchase of aluminum sign blanks for the Department of Public Works for the period April 11, 2013 through April 30, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to W.B. Mason Company, Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, N.J., for the purchase of office supplies, under the Somerset County CO-OP, for the period April 12, 2013 through January 24, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Permit the Purchasing Agent to make the necessary arrangements with Property Room.com to auction impounded property in the possession of the Elizabeth Police Department.

Amend a resolution adopted March 26, 2013, authorizing the award of a contract to East Coast Emergency Lighting for the purchase of emergency lighting and installation for the Police Department, specifically to add State Contract #81336.

Authorize the Planning Board to review the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and provide recommendations for adoption.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

Rescind the resolution adopted March 12, 2013, to provide an Owner Occupied Basic Deferred Payment Loan to the owner of the property located at 763 Thomas Street, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Amend the resolution adopted October 12, 2012, authorizing an agreement with Rutgers Cooperative Extension-4H Program, to provide funds in the amount of \$5,447.10, specifically to extend the term of the contract to August 31, 2013.

Amend the resolution adopted November 28, 2012, to provide an Owner Occupied Basic Deferred Payment Loan to the owner of the property located at 461-475 Catherine Street, Unit 106B, specifically to adjust the affordability period to ten years.

Amend the resolution adopted May 22, 2012, awarding a contract to Groundwork Elizabeth, Inc., for the Planter Beautification Program, specifically to extend the term of the contract to December 1, 2013.

Establish liens for the boarding up of properties listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office in the total amount of \$2,464.92.

Establish liens for the removal and disposal of debris on properties listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office in the total amount of \$2,111.98.

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with URS Group Inc./ Sanchez Industrial Design, Inc., in conjunction with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NY District, for the installation of a temporary noise monitor at the Elizabeth Marina, 71 Front Street, to measure sound levels generated by dredging activities in the Arthur Kill for a two year period at no cost to the City with payment to the City of \$25.00 per month to cover the cost of electricity.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 212 Clark Place.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 556 Marshall Street.

Authorize settlement in the workers compensation litigation matter of Borges vs. the City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of \$41,238.00.

Authorize settlement in the workers compensation litigation matter of Green vs. the City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of \$14,479.88.

Authorize settlement in the workers compensation litigation matter of Matos v. the City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of \$13,293.00.

Pay utility bills.

Approve Bingo and Raffle licenses.

COMMENDATIONS

Michael C. Albuquerque ((

Owen Edward Burke ((

Alexander C. Sebastiao (Eagle Scout Awards

Brendan Michael Goetz (Boy Scout Troup 23

Ryan Thomas Goetz ((

Shane Edward Goetz ((

David J. Vale, Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scout Troup 101

Michael Macierowski, Retirement, Chief Housing Inspector

Richard Higgins, Retirement, Housing Inspector

MEMORIALS

Clara Sessoms-Jones

Alicia (Murphy) McCormick, former teacher, Board of Education

Perry Israel Carreras, Elizabeth Fireman, son of Theodora Carreras, Tax Office

Antoinelle Rivetti

ADJOURNMENT